



Dr. James O. "Jack" Royder, Captain USNR (RET)

October 30, 1931 - January 16, 2018

Dr. James Otis Royder has completed his earthly journey on January 16th, 2018 and his soul has ascended to Heaven. He was born on October 30, 1931 in San Marcos, Texas to Thomas II and Marcella Royder. Jack has two siblings, Tom and Amelia.

Jack was raised in Austin and went to college at the University of Texas in Austin and was in the NROTC.

After graduating, he entered the Navy as an ensign and was stationed on the USS Gwin DM33 (Destroyer Class) in the Mediterranean Sea. He remained in the naval reserves throughout his medical career and re-enlisted again in 1981 for four years, where he was stationed at Subic Bay, Philippines, in the medical corps.

He practiced Osteopathic Medicine & Obstetrics for 46 years in the Dallas area, as well as in the U.S. Navy, Columbus, Ohio and Hurst, Texas. After he retired from private practice in 1996, he did Locum Tetum and disability evaluations as a Designated Doctor for Texas Worker's Comp. Commission, around the state.

In 1969, Jack learned to fly, bought a plane and joined DOCARE (D.O. Care); A group of doctors that volunteered their medical skills for medical missions to

remote locations in Northern and Southern Mexico.

He taught Obstetrics at a Dallas Hospital for 16 years and delivered 3,110 babies. He was an Associate Professor at Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine for 6 years and a Visiting Professor at the Ohio College of Osteopathic Medicine for 2 years, where he taught Medical Students, Interns and Residents in Osteopathic Practice and Principles.

Jack received his Pain Management training in Naval Hospitals in San Diego and Norfolk, VA. In 1981, He initiated a Multi-disciplinary Pain Clinic at the Naval Hospital in the Philippines, and in 1983 at Doctors Hospital in Columbus, OH., and again in Hurst, TX., from 1985-1996.

While on active duty in the Navy 1981-1985, he served as Director of the Out-Patient Clinic as well as the Pain Clinic at the US Naval Regional Medical Center, Subic Bay, Philippines. He served 42 years in the Navy and in 1991, he retired as a CAPTAIN in the Medical Corps.

He was preceded in death by his daughter Brittney and her husband George. He is survived by his loving wife of 62 years, Patricia (Pat), and children; Clayton and wife Mona, Bradley, and Randi. Grandchildren: David, Mark and wife Amanda, Megan, Alexandra, Katarina and her husband Will; and he was recently blessed with a Great-Grandchild, Leo.

Visitation with family and friends will be from 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM on Thursday (2/8/18) at Byrum Funeral Home. Jack was cremated and his ashes are to be interred at DFW National Cemetery. His funeral procession will be leaving First Christian Church in Lancaster at 10:00 AM on Friday (2/9/18) for Military Honors at DFW National Cemetery at 11:15 AM. A Celebration of Jack's Life will follow at 2:00 PM Friday (2/9/18) at First Christian Church.

A more honorable and caring man I have never known. He was an inspiration to many, and will be truly missed; until we meet again!

IN LIEU OF FLOWERS, Jack's family would appreciate donations to the James O. Royder Scholarship Fund at the University of North Texas Health Science Center in his memory. Please make checks payable to: UNTHSC Foundation and forward to the following address: 3500 Camp Bowie Blvd, Fort Worth, TX 76107 or go online to unthsc.edu/giving and Make a Gift.”

Or Navy Marine Corps Relief Society, 1515 Chennault Avenue, Fort Worth, TX 76127 or go online to www.nmcrs.org.

Previous Events

Military Honors

FEB 9. 11:15 AM - 11:45 AM (CT)

Dallas Fort Worth National Cemetery
2000 Mountain Creek Parkway
Dallas, TX

Celebration of Life

FEB 9. 2:00 PM (CT)

First Christian Church
750 West Main
Lancaster, TX 75146

Tribute Wall

FT

“ FROM : THE GLOBAL CARE HOME HEALTH TEAM purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Dr. James O. "Jack" Royder, Captain USNR (RET).



FROM : THE GLOBAL CARE HOME HEALTH TEAM -
February 08, 2018 at 05:43 PM

FT

“ After Jack's dad came back to Austin at the end of WWII the family lived with my parents and me until their house was built. Jack and brother Tom and myself were all about the same age and we went to Austin High together Many fond memories of those years. Even then Jack knew he wanted to be a doctor, He borrowed our big family medical book and studied it cover to cover. Tom and I went to Texas A&M and Jack would have followed but the death of his father changed that , so he stayed home and went to that other university.All my life whenever my family had a medical problem my first call was to Jack for advise. We have always loved Jack and Pat and have always admired their success and how they sacrificed to get that medical degree, I have told their story many times over to young people who think they can not achieve their dream.Pat, we love you and your family. Jack will truly be missed by all. May God bless and care for your family.
Love to all, Cousin Frank and Betty Thurmond

Frank Thurmond - February 07, 2018 at 10:09 PM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Dr. James O. "Jack" Royder, Captain USNR (RET).*



February 07, 2018 at 11:20 AM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. James O. "Jack" Royder, Captain USNR (RET).*



February 07, 2018 at 10:28 AM



“ *Dr. Royder was a friend of my parents, Gus and Helen Swenson. So, naturally when I found out I was expecting my first child, my dad sent me to "the best"! What a kind and compassionate man he was and I soon learned he was definitely blessed with the gift of healing! Sending prayers to you, Mrs. Royder and to all of your family! Heaven must surely be celebrating to have him home!*

Debbi Swenson Rust

Debbi Rust - January 30, 2018 at 07:46 PM

TT

“ Jan.28, 2019

Just read about Jack in the Sunday DMN. Besides being a cherished colleague and a dear friend, Jack and I will always be bound by one fatal date, viz. March 14, 1971. We survived an airplane crash in the Sierra Madre mountains of Mexico, while on a medical

mission. Pat became the real hero by flying us out of there a.s.a.p. via a leased Lear Jet.

We obviously had a lot more to share with the world. Pat, to you and your family our sincere condolences. May beautiful memories sustain you during this time of grief.

With deep sympathy and great respect,

Ted and Mary Virginia Tuinstra

Ted Tuinstra - January 29, 2018 at 01:25 AM

ML

“ Marleta Lake lit a candle in memory of Dr. James O. "Jack" Royder, Captain USNR (RET)



Marleta Lake - January 28, 2018 at 12:33 PM

ML

I met Dr. Royer and Pat in the 80's. What a wonderful man and doctor. He will be greatly missed

Marleta Lake - January 28, 2018 at 12:41 PM

BM

“ *Bebe Montgomery lit a candle in memory of Dr. James O. "Jack" Royder, Captain USNR (RET)*



Bebe Montgomery - January 24, 2018 at 11:02 PM



“ *I met Jack after he retired. What a wonderful man. He, Pat, Roland and I would watch Dancing with the Stars. He will always be a great man to me.*

Lisa Harris - January 21, 2018 at 09:38 PM

FR

“ *Our thoughts & prayers go out to you & your Family--we Loved Jack--like a big brother, we had a phone conversation about 2 1/2 months ago--discussed many things including the good old days of the Royder Clan--we talked about 30 minutes & will cherish that talk--may God bless your family--Foy/Caroline Royder*

foy royder - January 21, 2018 at 02:51 PM



“ *Sherri Douglas Smith lit a candle in memory of Dr. James O. "Jack" Royder, Captain USNR (RET)*



Sherri Douglas Smith - January 21, 2018 at 01:45 PM

MW

“ I think of Dr Royder with great fondness and admiration! He was my Doc when I was a kid and a young adult. One of my memories from the clinic was when he would give us a shot he called it a butterfly bite. More than once he came to our home in Lancaster to make a house call,he came for my Dad David Webb, my sister Vicki and myself Mitzi on more than one occasion. He was a great friend and Doctor. I wish there were more like him. Thank You for your service and allowing all of us to be a part of your Life! My Deepest sympathies to you Pat and your entire family.



Mitzi Webb - January 21, 2018 at 01:25 PM

LL

“ ❤️ Great memories for such a kind, good man. Rest In Peace Dr. Jack.



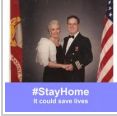
Lisa Bain Lankford - January 21, 2018 at 12:55 PM

KH

“ Dr Jack was a part of my childhood in Hutchins that I will never forget. The entire Royder family played, prayed, mourned, celebrated with the Haight family. Jack was a tremendous beacon for us. Giving advise when asked and trying to keep all us 8 kids on the right track, not to mention the rest of the kids in Hutchins that he treated in his practice. He was an honorable man and I salute him for all the care he gave us. God bless.



Kathy Haight - January 20, 2018 at 02:02 PM



Precious, Kathy. Thank you

Pat Royder - January 21, 2018 at 12:39 PM

MT

Hugs for you, Pat

martha thompson - January 22, 2018 at 12:39 PM

RO

“ *Services will probably be in February sometime. Memorial service at First Christian Church, Lancaster, with burial at DFW cemetery with full military honors.*

Royder - January 20, 2018 at 12:59 PM


Rhonda
Reed

“ *Rhonda Reed lit a candle in memory of Dr. James O. "Jack" Royder, Captain USNR (RET)*



Rhonda Reed - January 19, 2018 at 07:15 PM

EF

“ *Dr. Jack Royder took great care of our family for years. Our sincerely sympathy to Pat and all your family. I am sure you all are talking about all the good and enjoyable moments of life with Jack. Kind and generous and a true friend.*



Ellen Clark and family - January 19, 2018 at 02:57 PM

EH

“ *Elaine P. Harris lit a candle in memory of Dr. James O. "Jack" Royder, Captain USNR (RET)*



Elaine P. Harris - January 19, 2018 at 11:16 AM

JW

“ *Jennifer Wisdom lit a candle in memory of Dr. James O. "Jack" Royder, Captain USNR (RET)*



Jennifer Wisdom - January 19, 2018 at 09:55 AM

DB

“ *Mrs. Royder, Patty, if I have the wrong Jack Royder, please forgive the intrusion. However, if you are Patty Lay, and Jack grew up in Hyde Park in Austin, I send my condolences to you and your family. I live north of McKinney and read in the DMNews that Jack had passed away.*
Thinking of you,
Dee Dee Williams Brown
214 546 9248

Dee Dee Williams Brown - January 18, 2018 at 06:27 PM

LC

“ Lena Robinson Cline lit a candle in memory of Dr. James O. "Jack" Royder, Captain USNR (RET)



Lena Robinson Cline - January 17, 2018 at 10:35 PM

HN

“ I am very sorry to hear about the loss of Dr. Royder who was such a kind and wonderful man. My thoughts and prayers are with the friends and family who loved him so much.

Holly Hitt Niner

Holly Niner - January 17, 2018 at 09:03 PM

ST

“ Steve Taff lit a candle in memory of Dr. James O. "Jack" Royder, Captain USNR (RET)



Steve Taff - January 17, 2018 at 08:02 PM

SE

“ Selinda lit a candle in memory of Dr. James O. "Jack" Royder, Captain USNR (RET)



Selinda - January 17, 2018 at 04:02 PM

JW

“ Jack was such a precious man. He will be missed by many. I loved getting to work with him over many years and hear countless stories of his travels and shenanigans he and Pat always got into. Prayers for the family in this sad times. May you all remember the greatest memories of Jack until you meet again.

Jamie Walker - January 17, 2018 at 10:08 AM



“ Trudy Taff Roquemore lit a candle in memory of Dr. James O. "Jack" Royder, Captain USNR (RET)



Trudy Taff Roquemore - January 16, 2018 at 08:58 PM



“ Sue Smith Fabrizzio lit a candle in memory of Dr. James O. "Jack" Royder, Captain USNR (RET)



Sue Smith Fabrizzio - January 16, 2018 at 03:22 PM

LH

I AM SAD TO HEAR OF THE LOSS OF DR. ROYDER, SUCH A VERY NICE MAN. I SEND SINCERE SYMPATHY TO THE ENTIRE FAMILY. I AM PRAYING GOD WILL BE VERY NEAR TO EACH OF YOU AT THIS SAD TIME. LOVE .
LOIS HITT HOLMES

LOIS HOLMES - January 17, 2018 at 12:38 PM

DA

Pat and family, we are saddened to hear of your loss, and actually the town's loss, of a man who contributed much as he cared for his patients, offered friendship, and shared his honest, forthright assessment of this world "under the sun." Peace be with you. Thomas and Dianne Allen

Dianne Allen - January 19, 2018 at 11:23 AM

AS

It was a privilege to help take of Jack in past years and to know him for 40 years. He comforted many patients over his life. Best to Pat and his family. Allen Schneider

Allen Schneider - February 01, 2018 at 01:58 PM